



GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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Information Collection; Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 46 Requirements

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on a revision concerning Federal Acquisition Regulation part 46 requirements. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB

has approved this information collection for use through October 31, 2022. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*.]**

ADDRESSES: DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection through <https://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site. This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. If there are difficulties submitting comments, contact the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202-501-4755 or GSARegSec@gsa.gov.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite OMB Control No. 9000-0077, Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 46 Requirements. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zenaida Delgado, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 202-969-7207, or zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB control number, Title, and any Associated Form(s):

9000-0077, Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 46
Requirements

B. Need and Uses

DoD, GSA, and NASA are combining OMB Control Nos. for the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) by FAR part. This consolidation is expected to improve industry's ability to easily and efficiently identify burdens associated with a given FAR part. The review of the information collections by FAR part allows improved oversight to ensure there is no redundant or unaccounted for burden placed on industry. Lastly, combining information collections in a given FAR part is also expected to reduce the administrative burden associated with processing multiple information collections.

This justification supports the revision of OMB Control No. 9000-0077 and combines it with the previously approved information collections under OMB Control No. 9000-0187, with the new title "Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 46 Requirements". Upon approval of this consolidated information collection, OMB Control No. 9000-0187 will be discontinued. The burden requirements previously approved under the discontinued number will be covered under OMB Control No. 9000-0077.

This clearance covers the information that contractors may be required to submit to comply with the following FAR clauses:

- FAR Inspection Clauses
- 52.246-2, Inspection of Supplies—Fixed-Price
- 52.246-3, Inspection of Supplies—Cost-Reimbursement
- 52.246-4, Inspection of Services—Fixed-Price
- 52.246-5, Inspection of Services—Cost-Reimbursement
- 52.246-6, Inspection—Time-and-Material and Labor-Hour
- 52.246-7, Inspection of Research and Development—Fixed-Price
- 52.246-8, Inspection of Research and Development—Cost-Reimbursement
- 52.246-12, Inspection of Construction

These FAR clauses require the contractor to provide and maintain an inspection system that is acceptable to the Government, and to keep complete records of all inspection work performed and make it available to the Government. These clauses give the Government the right to inspect and test all work.

Records required under these clauses are kept as a part of a contractor's normal business operations. To ensure they provide a quality product or service, every business must have standards and methods for reviewing or inspecting the quality of their product or service. These standards

will differ by industry and the complexity of the product or service provided.

The Government relies on a contractor's existing quality assurance system for contracts for commercial products. The Government relies on the contractor to accomplish all inspection and testing needed to ensure that acquired commercial services conform to contract requirements before they are tendered to the Government. See FAR 12.208 and 46.202-1. Likewise, when the contract amount is expected to be less than the simplified acquisition threshold, these clauses do not apply.

The FAR "inspection clauses" are used for quality assurance depending on the type of contract, or the product or service being provided. These clauses do not require the transmittal or sending of documentation to the Government, but they have record keeping requirements. The Government may review these records to confirm the contract quality requirements are being met. This review is risk-based and may or may not include the review of all quality assurance records. Generally, the records are more likely to be reviewed when the contractor is not meeting quality standards or as part of Government Contract quality assurance surveillance for complex requirements. Subject matter experts estimate these records are requested from 10 percent or fewer of contractors.

The information is used to assure that supplies and services provided under Government contracts conform to contract requirements.

- FAR 52.246-15, Certificate of Conformance. This clause requires the contractor to complete and sign a certificate of conformance (CoC). This clause is used in solicitations and contracts for supplies or services at the discretion of the contracting officer when it is in the Government's interest, small losses would be incurred in the event of a defect; or because of the contractor's reputation or past performance, or when it is likely that the supplies or services furnished will be acceptable and any defective work would be replaced, corrected, or repaired without contest.

- FAR 52.246-26, Reporting Nonconforming Items. This clause requires contractors to provide written notification to the contracting officer within 60 days of becoming aware or having reason to suspect, such as through inspection, testing, record review, or notification from another source (e.g., seller, customer, third party) that any end item, component, subassembly, part, or material contained in supplies purchased by the contractor for delivery to, or for, the Government is counterfeit or suspect counterfeit. This clause requires certain contractors to submit a report to the Government-Industry Data Exchange Program (GIDEP) system at www.gidep.org within 60 days of becoming aware or

having reason to suspect, such as through inspection, testing, record review, or notification from another source (e.g., seller, customer, third party) that an item purchased by the contractor for delivery to, or for, the Government is a counterfeit or suspect counterfeit item; or a common item that has a major or critical nonconformance.

This information will be used by the Government to address and detect nonconforming and counterfeit items. Perhaps more important, this information will be available to businesses for searching prior to placing orders, thus enabling the avoidance of purchasing counterfeit items in the first place.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 7,859.

Total Annual Responses: 9,301.

Total Burden Hours: 33,015.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the GSA Regulatory Secretariat Division, by calling 202-501-4755 or emailing GSARegSec@gsa.gov. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0077, Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 46 Requirements.

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